

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-7, 15 and 16 have been allowed. Claim 16 is requested to be amended for reasons of form. Claims 1, 3-7, 15, 16 and 18 are pending. Claim 18 is respectfully requested to be amended on the grounds that entry of the amendment is believed to put claim 18, and therefore the entire application, in condition for allowance.

Claim 18 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 on the grounds that claim 18, as previously presented, is directed to a program per se. The Examiner's point is well taken.

By this amendment, Applicants seek to amend claim 18 to be directed to "A computer-readable medium having encoded thereon a performance information reproducing program, which when executed by a computer, cause" Such claim is believed to comply with 35 U.S.C. § 101. Entry of the amendment is therefore respectfully requested.

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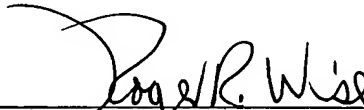
Upon entry of this Amendment, Applicants believe that the application would be in condition for allowance, and a favorable action is respectfully requested. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 488-7100 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance should the examiner believe that such a telephone conference would advance prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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